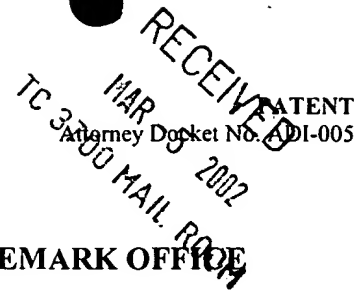


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 16, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2001, for which the period of response is set to expire on March 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, attached to the end of this Amendment is a marked up version of the amended items showing all changes relative to the previous version.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

7. (Amended) The torsion system of claim 1, wherein the intermediate portion defines at least one circumscribed aperture.

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